

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT DAOUD FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

2. FYI: FOREGOING IN REPLY TO MESSAGE RECEIVED AUGUST 11 AT THE WHITE HOUSE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AS WELL AS ON MY OWN BEHALF ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY THE EXISTING WARM CLOSE AND FRUITFUL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL GROW AND EXPAND TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLES. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS

